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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS/ PINS KS SUBJECT:Y DEMONSTRATION

- 1. AT ABOUT 1400 HOURS APRIL 24, GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY THIRTY KOREAN NATIONALS, APPARENTLY AFFILIATED WITH ASSOCIATION OF VIETNAM WAR VETERANS, STAGED PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION IN EMBASSY COMPOUND I AREA CALLING ON USG TO TAKE FIRMER STANCE AGAINST COMMUNIST THREAT. AFTER APPROACHING RESIDENCE COMPOUND I GATE FROM DIRECTION OF JUSTICE MINISTRY, DEMONSTRATORS SAT DOWN IN STREET OUTSIDE COMPOUND I GATE FOR ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES AND THEN RETURNED, OF OWN VOLITION, CHANTING AS THEY WENT, IN DIRECTION FROM WHICH THEY HAD COME. THEY BORE SIGNS CALLING ON USG NOT TO FORGET BLOOD SHED IN VIETNAM, TO PAY ATTENTION TO INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM, TO OBSERVE US/ROK MUTUAL SECURITY TREATY, AND NOTING THAT KIM IL SUNG IS DANCING AT NEWS OF VIETNAM COMMUNIZATION.
- 2. EMBASSY SECURITY PERSONNEL TOOK APPROPRIATE PRECAUTIONS TO SEAL OFF COMPOUND DURING DEMONSTRATION. KOREAN RIOT POLICE WERE PRESENT THROUGHOUT BUT TOOK NO ACTION, AS NONE REQUIRED. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- 3. POLICE AT FIRST INFORMED EMBASSY THAT DEMONSTRATION WOULD TAKE PLACE OUTSIDE CHANCERY AND SEVERAL POLICE VANS WERE IN POSITION AS EARLY AS NOON. FOR REASONS NOT YET CLEAR, BUT PROBABLY RELATED TO LAWS PROHIBITING DEMONSTRATION WITHIN 100 METERS OF CERTAIN BUILDINGS, INCLUDING CHANCERY, DEMONSTRATORS APPARENTLY DECIDED TO DIVERT THEIR EFFORT TO COMPOUND I.
- 4. WHILE DEMONSTRATION WILL PROBABLY RECEIVE PRESS PLAY, REPORTERS AND CAMERAMEN WERE NOT OBSERVED IN DEMONSTRATION AREA. SNEIDER

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